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SUBJECT: WEIZMAN-GAMASY CONNECTION

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1. AT MY RECEPTION FOR ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY LAST EVENING, GAMASY VOLUNTEERED THE INFORMATION THAT SHAWKAT HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT OUR TALK ON THE WEIZMAN-GAMASY EXCHANGES (REF B). GAMASY SAID HE HAD YESTERDAY MORNING RECEIVED A REPLY FROM WEIZMAN TO HIS LAST MESSAGE. WEIZMAN HAD INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH GAMASY IN CAIRO OR, IF GAMASY PREFERRED, TO RECEIVE HIM IN JERUSALEM. MESSAGE HAD BEEN CORDIAL AND COLLEGIAL, AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT GAMASY APPRECIATED RECEIVING IT.

2. ASKED WHAT HIS RESPONSE WOULD BE, GAMASY SAID THAT HE FAVORS SUCH A MEETING. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD NOT MEET WITH WEIZMAN, IN CAIRO AND CERTAINLY NOT IN JERUSALEM, SO LONG AS ISRAELI TROOPS ARE IN SOUTH LEBANON. TO DO SO WOULD SIMPLY SUBJECT HIM TO WIDESPREAD CRITICISM IN ARAB WORLD, INCLUDING FROM SAUDI AND GULF BENEFACTORS. ONCE ISRAELI TROOPS ARE OUT OF SOUTH LEBANON, A MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE. GAMASY

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IS MEETING TODAY WITH SADAT TO TELL HIM OF LATEST WEIZMAN MESSAGE AND WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE PRESIDENT AUTHORIZE HIM TO SEND REPLY ALONG ABOVE LINES. HE THOUGHT SADAT WOULD AGREE WITH HIM ESTIMATE.

3. GAMASY IS VERY AWARE OF THE FACT THAT HIS CONNECTION WITH WEIZMAN IS AT THE MOMENT THE ONLY DIRECT THREAD STILL

CONNECTING THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. HE IS ALSO AWARE OF
WEIZMAN'S APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL POWER PLAY AND WONDERED
WHETHER WEIZMAN'S INFLUENCE HAD PERHAPS BEEN REDUCED. HE
CONTINUES TO THINK HIGHLY OF WEIZMAN AND PROFESSED STILL
TO BE CONVINCED THAT IF THE "POLITICIANS" WOULD SIMPLY
ALLOW HIM AND WEIZMAN TO WORK OUT THE PROBLEM, THE TWO OF
THEM COULD EASILY SOLVE IT. EILTS

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